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1. The following is a list of jails in Rumania

a. Aiud N 46-19, E 23-437: one of the major political prisons in Rumania was in the city of Aiud. The exact location was unknown

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b. Jilava N 44-19, E 26-067: this city had a major political prison and possibly a criminal prison which was noted for its cold, damp dungeons. The exact location was unknown

c. Fagaras: the old fortress in the center of Fagaras was used as a prison for political prisoners and possibly for criminals as well.

d. Constanta: the Siguranta.

Conditions in Rumanian Jails

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the Siguranta in Constanta a pitch black cell which had a sand floor. There were no windows and there was not even a wooden bunk.

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the political prisoners must have been influential men who had bribed the guards and helped the other prisoners because they knew that the jail never fed the prisoners.

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The floor [] was covered with sand and was foul smelling. [] taken to the toilet twice a day but that was not sufficient. The cell was never cleaned. There were large rats in the cell and he became infested with lice. One of the packages from the political prisoners fortunately included DDT powder which helped for a while.

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6.

[] the "cold room" which consisted of a well-ventilated cell and an uncovered cement floor. However, like the regular cell, it had no bunk and since the jail never issued blankets []

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[] most of the cells in the jail were very crowded. [] the cells to be five by five meters; they contained 10 people. Except for a police spy [] nobody ever joined him in the dark cell.

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10.

[] at the Chemical Center in Fagaras [] military prisoners who were held in the Chemical Commissariat Jail. there were "dark rooms", "cold rooms", and ordinary cells. All the cells had a wooden bunk and [] never [] more than two prisoners in one cell. [] the prisoners were very humanely treated.

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[] there were two types of arrest: severe treatment (regim sever) and normal treatment (regim simplu). The severe treatment consisted of alternating the bread and water diet with the normal military food daily. The normal treatment prisoner received ordinary military food daily. What constituted the difference between the two types of prisoners was unknown. []

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